(b) if so, what is the present popula tion of rhinos in Kaziranga and how it compares with their number cf 1970; and

(c) what steps Government have raker to prevent poaching, which is now being done thraugh electrocution by spreading a net of live wires in the grass ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b) In spite of poaching remaining a serious threat to the Indian rhino, its populatior has been reported to be rising. In the Kaziranga National Park, the population of rhinos is repor-ted to have risen from 658 in 1972 to 1250 in 1990.

(c) Steps taken to prevent poaching ir the Kaziranga National Park include :

(1) The rhino is included in Schedule I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, thus giving it maximum possible legal protection. There is a total ban on trade in its horn and other products.

(2) Under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES), of which India is a signatory, there is *a* ban on international trade in rhino horns.

(3) Government of India hss been extending assistance to the Government of Assam under the Centrally Sponsored Schcme 'Conservation of rhinos in Assam' to strengthen measures to protect the rhino aiid to conserve and develop all its habitats in Assam, including the Kaziranga Nptional Park.

(4) Anti poaching measures have been intensified in the Park through the deployment of protection staff equipped with arms, vehicles, boats and wireless sets.

(5) Patrolling of the P<rk by the anti-poaching staff both during day and right has been stepped up.

(6) A system of rewards and incentives to obtain intelligence abcut the movement of poachers has been introduced.

(7) Measures to protect the rhinos from floods, when they become vulnerable to poaching, have been taken.

Opening of C.G.H.S, dispensaries

222. SHRI KRISHAN IAL SHARMA : Wil! the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to increase the number of Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic dispensaries under C.G.H.S, alongwith Allopathic dispensaries in Delhi and rest of the country;

(b) if so, the break-up cf dispensaries opened under three systems of medicines iii Delhi and rest of the country during the years 1990 and 1991, location-wise;

(c) whether there is any deviation from the decision taken in opening these dispensaries ; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and future plans of Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of C.G.H.S, dispensaries opened during the 1990 and J9Si are giver in the Statement enclosed. *{Sec* below)

(c) No, Sir.

(d) There is a proposal to start more dispensaries under various systems of Medicines subject to availability cf funds. The 8th Plan outlay is yet to be approved by the Planning Commission.

Name of System of Medicine	Year			
	1990		1991	
	Delhi	Outside Delhi	Delhi	Outside Delhi
1. Allopathy	3	Hyderabad 1 (Sub-dispensar)	1	Jabalpur 1
2. Ayurvedic .				
3. Homoeopathy .				